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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS D. Stoianovici, et al. EXAMINER: Nguyen, Vi X  
U.S.S.N.: 09/943,751 GROUP: 3731  
FILED: August 30, 2001 Conf. No. 8459  
FOR: CONTROLLABLE MOTORIZED DEVICE FOR PERCUTANEOUS  
NEEDLE PLACEMENT IN SOFT TISSUE TARGET AND METHODS  
AND SYSTEMS RELATED THERETO

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2003, in the above referenced application.

A petition has also been filed herewith requesting a one (1) month extension of time to December 15, 2003, to respond to the above referenced Office Action. Applicants also conditionally petition for a further extension time to provide for the possibility that such a petition is required. As indicated below, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105 for the required fee.

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to Specification** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Amendments to Drawings** begins on page 22 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 23 of this paper.